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SUBJECT: SALT: FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD CONSULTATION
AMONG NATO EUROPEAN MEMBERS

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1. MISTRAL (QUAI OFFICE OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT) TOLD
US RECENTLY THAT THE FRENCH HAVE NO INTENTION OF PARTI-
CIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES OF WHAT USED TO BE CALLED THE
"PETRIGNANI GROUP," ALTHOUGH HE WAS AWARE THAT THE GROUP
HAD A RECENT MEETING. HE SAID THE FRENCH VIEW THE CON-
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SULTATIONS WITHIN THAT FORUM AS "IMPRACTICAL" AND "MORE

INTELLECTUAL THAN REALISTIC." HE ADDED THAT THE FRENCH HAD ATTENDED THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PETRIGNANI GROUP IN ORDER TO TELL ITS MEMBERS THAT FRANCE WOULD NOT ATTEND ANY OTHER MEETINGS OF THAT GROUP.

2. COMMENT: FRENCH ARE FAR MORE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING SALT ISSUES WITH U.S. THAN WITH THEIR EUROPEAN ALLIES. CONSEQUENTLY, AS FAR AS THE FRENCH ARE CONCERNED, THE SIGNIFICANT FORUMS FOR SALT CONSULTATIONS ARE THOSE THAT DIRECTLY INVOLVE U.S. PARTICIPATION SUCH AS NAC CONSULTATIONS.
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